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Capacity Building Programme on “Paddy Straw Mushroom Farming” under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Caste (DAPSC)

Organized on 05.08.2025 at ICAR-NIFMD, Bhubaneswar



A capacity building programme on “**paddy straw mushroom farming**” was organized at ICFMD campus on 05.08.2025. Mr. Chitaranan Sahoo, Assistant Director of Horticulture, Ekamrakanan, Bhubaneswar and Smt. Jhilimani Behera, a successful entrepreneur and mushroom farmer from Barasahi Gram Panchayat were invited as resource person. Dr. M. Rout gave the welcome address and brief introduction on the training with introduction of the resource persons. He narrated the contribution of DAPSC flagship programme of Govt of India and how it has benefitted SC communities across the country along with his experience of the journey so far in the NIFMD around 20 kilometer radius of the Institute. Director Dr. R.P. Singh delivered the overall impact of DAPSC programmes conducted by NIFMD on the livelihood of the SC farmers assuring the continuous support from NIFMD to the farmers. He highlighted the importance of such capacity building programmes and how it would help the farmers along with other activities for which input and knowledge has been provided. The programme was organized and co-ordinated by Dr. M. Rout. In the programme, Director Dr. R.P. Singh, SIC Dr. J.K. Mohapatra, Dr. S. Subramaniam, Dr. N.R. Sahoo, along with all the scientists, technicians, AO Mr. Ankush Kumar Mishra, F&AO Mr. Tushar Singh, PS to Director Mr. Manoranjan Swain and other staff of administration and support staff were present.

Mr. Chitaranan Sahoo, Assistant Director Horticulture delivered a very interactive and interesting presentation on “**Paddy straw mushroom farming: A tool for livelihood earning**” that was followed by the interaction with the farmers on the topic. Smt. Jhilimani Behera also discussed with the farmers on many useful aspects of paddy straw mushroom farming. Then she practically demonstrated the details of steps of the mushroom farming using every component that she brought along with her. During the practical demonstrations, all the farmers could clarify their doubts and felt confident of the farming. The training was quite helpful for the farmers and will make a way forward towards earning a dependable livelihood.

A total of **62 SC farmer** participants were present along with their families. The participants belonged to **10 Gram Panchayats**. In detail, the number of farmers trained as per the GP are as follows: Garh Balabhadrapur G.P., Kanas Block, Puri (n-13), Haripur G.P., Jatni Block, Khordha (n-08), Barasahi G.P., Khordha Block, Khordha (n-09), Tirimal G.P., Jatni Block, Khordha (n-05), Sauria G.P., Delang Block, Puri (n-01), Rengal G.P., Delang Block, Puri (n-02), Jatani Municipality (n-02), Ghanipur G.P., Delang Block, Puri (n-10), Gada Badaput G.P., Delang Block, Puri (n-09), Barakuda, Jamukoli G.P., Jatni Block, Khordha (n-03). All the participants were distributed with the refreshments. Finally, the vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. Uttam Pushp Nirala.

